Erin, Oh Erin.

BY THOS. MOORE.

Like the bright lamp that shone in Kildare's holy fane,
And burn'd thro' long ages of darkness and storm,
Is the heart that sorrows have frown'd on in vain,
Whose spirit outlives them, unfading and warm.
Erin, oh Erin, thus bright thro' the tears
Of a long night of bondage, thy spirit appears.

The nations have fallen, and thou still art young,
Thy sun is but rising, when others are set;
And tho' slavery's cloud o'er thy morning hath hung,
The full noon of freedom shall beam round thee yet.
Erin, oh Erin, tho' long in the shade,
Thy star shall shine out when the proudest shall fade.

Unchill'd by the rain, and unwaked by the wind,
The lily lies sleeping thro' winter's cold hour,
Till Spring's light touch her fetters unbind,
And daylight and liberty bless the young flower.
Thus Erin, oh Erin, *thy* winter is past,
And the hope that lived thro' it shall blossom at last.

HOW THE PURITANS MARRY.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY DIVORCES.

Barnstable, Mass., May 7th.—A bevy of girls, none of them seemingly more than twenty years old, filed up the hill that leads to the County Court house this morning, and passed into the old gray stone building. Almost all of them were accompanied by elderly women, although one or two were with sprucely dressed young men. The venerable Judge Otis Lord, of Salem, took his seat upon the bench and called the first case on the docket for the term of the Supreme Court. There stepped forward a blue-eyed girl, whose light brown hair fell upon her back in a heavy braid, the ends of which were concealed in a bluelove-knot. An elderly woman stood one side of her and a young man with a flowing beard ox the other. Then the girl told her story. She wanted a divorce from husband. Judge Lord looked at her critically for an instant as though astonished, not so much that a pretty girl, who dressed and looked as though she had run into court from school, should want a divorce as that she should have already been married. But she said she had been married four years, and that her husband had left her after living with her a few weeks. She admitted that the husband was living in the county, but urged, with a pretty tremulousness, that he would not live with her. Her mother, and the young man with the beard, corroborated her story, and she went out of court smiling and congratulated by several of the other girls, and by two or three young men.

Another case was called. There stepped to the stand a slender, grey-eyed girl. She seemed to be less than 18 years old. Her feeble, tottering mother was with her. Yet she had been married, she said, five years, and her husband would not support her after the first three months of her wedded life. The husband, a fleshy young man, stood up in court and admitted it. Judge Lord frowned and nestled in his seat. But he simply said, "I will consider the matter."

A plump, rosy-cheeked woman, with a literary appearance, that may have been caused by the glasses she wore, stepped up next. Her husband was a sea captain, who had promised to take her to sea, but when he got as far as Boston with her he left her at a hotel.

"Well, why did he leave you?"

"I suppose he loved another woman better."

This sea captain had lived with a girl a few months, and although he has often been in the same town since he left her, yet he had refused to have anything to do with her for three years. The young woman got the decree she desired, and a clerical looking man escorted her from court.

Next came a pale-faced girl, whose features were regular, but whose complexion was sallow. She seemed sickly. She was married in 1874, and after a week of honeymoon, her husband left her.

"Did you go to him?

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

"Because his mother was always picking at me and finding fault."

Then Judge Lord, who had been visibly growing indignant, arose. "It is shocking to contemplate the state of morals in this great Commonwealth, "that is here to be observed."

WHERE TOMATOES WERE FIRST EATEN.—It is a Newport tradition that tomatoes were first eaten in this country in about 1828, in a house standing on the corner of Corne and Mill streets. About that time there came an eccentric painter. Miccele Felice Corne. He bought a stable on the street now called after him, fashioned it into a dwelling house, and their lived and died. Previous to his coming, and long after tomatoes, then called "love apples," were thought to be poisonous. A gentleman told me to-day that in 1816 he brought them from South Carolina and planted them in his yard, where they were looked upon as curiosities and prized for their beauty. They became later, however, a very unpleasant missile in the hands of the small boy. A charming old lady told me to-day that in 1824 she was sitting with a sick person when some one brought the invalid as a tempting delicacy some tomatoes. "Would you poison her?" was the exclamation of the astonished attendants; and yet Corne is this section of the town had been serving them for a year previous. As late as 1835 they were regarded as poisonous throughout Connecticut.—*Boston Transcript.*

EPIGRAM OF LAMB.—Braise a piece of breast of lamb in a stew-pan with a little water and some onions, carrots, celery, whole pepper, salt, cloves, parsley, and sweet herbs to taste. When sufficiently cooked to allow it, pull out all the bones and put the breast between two dishes with a heavy weight on it. The piece of breast being quite cold and flat, cut it out into small cutlets, egg and bread crumb them, then fry them a nice color in lard, and serve with boiled green peas.

Grease can be extracted from floors by applying a paste of wood ashes and quick lime, to be kept on several days and then washed off. Stains on wall paper can be cut out with a sharp pen-knife, and a piece of paper so nicely inserted that no one can see the patch.

GLOBE AGRICULTURAL WORKS.

If the success of an establishment can be judged by its progress, the Globe Agricultural Works of Crawford & Co. of this city, of which Messrs. J. F. & J. A. Mahon are the proprietors, certainly develops the fact. That the products of these works merit the high reputation they have earned for excellence of workmanship and perfection of construction, is to us no wonder when we see the energy displayed by the proprietors in endeavoring to turn out such a class of farm implements as to not only command the universal approval and patronage of the farmers, but which have gained for the firm a name and distinction among manufacturers that well may inspire the confidence of the farming community, that here they all meet with upright, just and liberal treatment. At these works are manufactured all kinds of farming implements to aid the husbandman in planting and saving his crops, such as Grain Drills, Hay Rakes, Plows, Gang Plows, Harrows, Straw Cutters, Corn Shellers, Horse Powers, and, finally, here is manufactured what is perhaps, all considered, the most popular and practical Reaper and Mower now in use, the *I. X. L.*

Although there are at the present day many of these indispensable farm implements made by different firms throughout the country, the makers of which claiming for them great excellence and fitness for the work for which they are constructed, yet, when we impartially and critically examine into the respective merits of each, it is then and then only we are able to discern the good and bad qualities of each, and ascertain with a degree of positiveness the facts that bear on the subject with this object in view. In order that we might be in a position to lay before our Catholic farmers that information which will enable them to select their farm implements] with a certainty of not only obtaining the best the market affords, but at the same time to be assured they will be honestly and fairly dealt with, we made it a point to visit the works of Messrs. Crawford & Co., and satisfy ourselves that what they advertised in our columns could be relied upon by the farming community. The Globe Agricultural works form in themselves a complete block, located on Dundas and Adelaide Sts., London East, Ontario, and are among the finest equipped and largest in Canada. The buildings contained in the enclosure are divided into the following departments: The main building on Dundas Street contains on the lower floor the machine and blacksmith shops, mill and engine rooms. On the second story is the wood working department and steaming rooms, whilst the third and final floor contains the painting, setting up, and finishing departments. Adjoining the main building in the rear is the extensive foundry or moulding department. To the left is a large warehouse devoted to the storage of finished implements; whilst a new and elegant structure fronting on Dundas Street is devoted to the offices and show rooms of the works. We noticed that these works are equipped throughout with the latest improved iron and wood-working machinery. The motive power is furnished by steam, and the works give steady employment to a hundred skilled mechanics, divided among machinists, wood workers, moulders, and painters. It is at these works, and here only can be found in all its excellence of workmanship, and perfection in construction the now famous I X L Reaper and Mower. Regarding this piece of mechanicism, we have only to say, that in its present state of efficiency combined with its great durability and simplicity the I X L Reaper and Mower, either single or combined, stands to-day pre-eminent and well merits the reputation it enjoys and the honors it has won, both at home and abroad. So much has been claimed by rival manufacturers of Reaping and Mowing machines for their respective implements, that it would be useless, as well as unjust without advancing actual facts to give credit to any one implement for unapproached qualities in any particular respect. To this end, and with the view of placing before our readers the just merits of the I X L, we have studied its records of various trials and contests in the farm-fields, and upon a careful examination we find that the IXL the world over has received the unanimous verdict of the farming community as victor of the harvest field, and has been awarded both in Canada and foreign countries, in competition with all other leading machines, the highest honors. As the actual records are stronger proofs than any others that can be advanced in favor of the IXL Reaper and Mower, the awards and decisions having been made by practical men, convinces us that the representations made by the manufacturers of this machine are both just and reliable. 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The Globe Agricultural Works may well invite the farmers to call and inspect their products before dealing with strangers. And while it is not our business to praise the productions of any one manufacturer more than another, yet, we do not deem it derogtory to ourselves or to the interest of our readers to recommand to their consideration the productions of the Globe Agricultural Works of London. Because, in so doing, we are justified by the knowledge we have of the proprietors, as being men of accurate business abilities, scrupulous and just in their dealings, as well as by the estimation placed on the products of their works by the farmers who purchase their machines and implements, which are now used the world over. It is, therefore, with much pleasure we suggest to the Catholic farmers the advisability of becoming acquainted with the proprietors of the Globe works, London, and examine their implements before purchasing elsewhere. 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